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ON JULY 23, 1976 (SALT TWO-1078)

1. KARPOV AND SMOLIN MADE FOLLOWING POINTS TO KLOSSON AND EARLE:

A. WITH RESPECT TO PREVIOUS U.S. QUESTIONS REGARDING DERAZHNYA AND PERVOMAYSK, SOVIETS RAISED SUBJECT OF "TWO REGIONS" AND STATED BELIEF THAT U.S. REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC DELPOYMENT AREAS INDICATES CLEARLY THAT U.S. IS ABLE TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN LAUNCHERS CONTAINING MIRVED MISSILES AND THOSE CONTAINING NON-MIRVED MISSILES. IN THIS CONTEXT, KARPOV SAID THAT THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION WHETHER ALL LAUNCHERS AT DERAZHNYA AND PER-VOMAYSK SHOULD BE COUNTED IN THE 1320 AGGREGATE WOULD BE NEGATIVE. SMOLIN COMMENTED THAT, NOT ONLY DID U.S. QUESTIONS INDICATE THAT U.S. COULD DISTINGUISH AMONG THOSE LAUNCHERS, BUT THAT SOVIET DELEGATION INFERRED THAT THE U.S. INTENDED TO GIVE SOVIETS SIGNAL THAT SUCH DISTRINCTION COULD BE MADE THROUGH NTM. SOVIETS DUCKED FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS AS TO HOW DISTINCTION COULD BE MADE AMONG LAUNCHERS AT THOSE AREAS.

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B. REGARDING THE COUNTING OF MIRVED SLBMS, KARPOV SAID THAT

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IF OBSERVING SIDE OBSERVED THE DEPLOYMENT OF ONE MIRVED MISSILE IN A LAUNCHER ON A SUBMARINE, THEN ALL OTHER LAUNCHERS ON THAT SUBMARINE WOULD COUNT WITHIN THE 1320 AGGREGATE.

C. WITH RESPECT TO ICBMS, HOWEVER, SOVIETS WERE LESS PRECISE AND CONTINUED TO RELY ON "DEPLOYED" AS CRITERION FOR INCLUDING ICBM LAUNCHERS IN 1320 AGGREGATE. THEY STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT SUCH COUNT SHOULD BE MADE ON BASIS OF PLACEMENT OF MIRVED MISSILES IN INDIVIDUAL ICBM LAUNCHERS, BUT AT THE SAME TIME KARPOV COMMENTED THAT PERHAPS THIS WAS A QUESTION THEY SHOULD REFER TO MOSCOW.

D. WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED U.S. COMMON UNDERSTANDING ON THROW-WEIGHT, SMOLIN, ON PURELY PERSONAL BASIS, SUGGESTED THAT U.S. SHOULD PROPOSE ALTERNATIVES FOR DRAWING DISTINCTION BETWEEN "OTHER APPROPRIATE DEVICES" AND FINAL BOOST STAGE FOR SINGLE RV.
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